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In this effort the Committee have had the cordial approval and assistance of Lord Shaftesbury and the Rector of Bethnal Green. The Committee had hoped to have opened these buildings free from debt, and able at once to claim the payment of the £100 kindly promised by the Ragged School Union Committee when the whole required amount was raised; but, largely owing to the financial panic, and since to the claims of the Cholera Relief Fund, they still require £200, towards which donations are earnestly requested, and will be thankfully received by Mr. GENT, Secretary, Ragged School Union, Exeter Hall; or by

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NEWSPAPER BRIGADE.

VERY startling are the schemes adopted by the street-boys of London to win their daily bread. We, of course, do not allude to those who obtain it by positive crime, but refer solely to those who, though they only work by fits and starts, still labour hard at intervals at some casual employment. These are the boys who amuse the thoughtless occupants of the knife-boards of omnibuses by turning themselves into "wheels" for the chance of a stray penny. These are they who, becoming money-changers on a small scale, supply omnibus conductors with copper coin at the rate of eleven pennies for a silver shilling. These are they who attend to the crossings when the regular sweepers have gone home to their meals, dividing the receipts on their return. These are they who, as mud-larks, half-naked and dirt-begrimed, grope in the mud and slime of the Thames for pieces of old iron, coal, and other odds and ends. And may we not add, that these are they who, in our leading thoroughfares, vend the penny papers at early dawn and dusky eve? Very eager are they to catch a stray customer; and they at least, from the earnestness evinced, show that they concur in the satirical remark of Charles Dickens, "A penny paper seems now to be one of the necessaries of life."

Probably no class of street-workers labour more steadily than do these newsvendors. They crowd the various publishing offices at early dawn, and there wrangle and jabber, and too often swear and fight, as to who shall be first served. Day after day, nay, month after month, we notice the same lads at the "Angel," Islington, the Bank, and Charing Cross. In fact, as the same customer buys the same paper of the same lad, he has no occasion to ask for it. For as soon as his familiar visage is seen on the omnibus, his special newsvendor "chucks" him his paper, or hands it to him by means of a long stick, with a slit at the top. Some of these lads attend our Night Schools; and many a nod of recognition we get from our young friends, whom we are glad to see so busily employed.

Yet regular and busy as they are in this branch of trade, there

are evils attached to this as to all street-work. Many earn much only to spend it in gluttony or in smoking. Whilst too many, by gambling away their hard-won pence, are gradually taught to get by fraud what they ought to obtain by work. Others, being very irritable, are constantly quarreling and fighting; and coarse words or oaths become the vernacular of this class.

What, then, is needed for the penny news-boys of London—and may we not add for *all* great cities?—is organization and Christian discipline. Thereby, not only would a premium be put upon good conduct, but the supervision necessarily entailed would cause the ill-conditioned to be weeded out; the weak but well-intentioned would be strengthened in good resolves; and a moral training would be furnished which would eventually lead to something better than the uncertainties implied by street-labour. It is this Christian discipline which doubtless has rendered our Shoe-black Brigades so effective. For who can notice the majority of the free-traders—known to our lads by the expressive name of "outsiders"—and compare them with the bulk of the Society boys, without perceiving the higher moral qualities of the latter? Now both are exactly of the same social grade, usually, indeed, picked out of the very same "slum;" yet the one class are irregular in labour and coarse in demeanour; whilst the other are models of punctuality, civility, and industry.

These impressions led some of the managers of the Marylebone Shoe-black Society to try if the organization found so successful in the case of Shoe-blacks might not equally suit the penny news-vendors. A Newspaper Brigade was therefore launched in May last. When the proposition was made to the local Ragged Schools, great was the excitement of the "roughs;" for, like the philosophers of Athens, nothing so much appeals to the imagination of street-boys as the "new." Nearly 150 boys at once applied for admission; some merely for a "lark;" but others really meaning work. Of these 20 were carefully selected, all of whom belonged to various Ragged Schools.

Like the Shoe-blacks, the boys so employed wear a uniform This dress consists of a red blouse, with a brass-plated cap, whereon is inscribed the name of the brigade and the boy's number. The rules for their government are based on those which have been found so successful in Shoe-black Societies. No one is eligible who does not regularly attend some Ragged School. They muster every morning at one of the two depôts, which are respectively

situate in Red Lion Court, and 241, Marylebone Road, according to their place of residence. After receiving their supply of newspapers, they go to the various stations to which they are appointed, and at mid-day return to their dinners, "hungry as wolves," as they say. Again they go out with the evening papers, for which there is a larger demand than might be expected, considering the quantity disposed of in the morning. On their return they receive the portion of money which falls to their share, the rest being banked for their future benefit. Some, however, prefer to keep their daily share in the bank until the end of the week. The average weekly earnings of the 20 boys now employed is 7s.; but one lad rarely earns less than 11s. As several of these news-boys are stationed in Fleet Street, our readers can see how they look and how they behave; and we think we may add, we hope that they will give them the patronage they have so well earned.

One moral fruit has already been the outcome of this new plan for the benefit of the street-boys of London. They have been taught the great lesson of prudence—that providing for the "rainy day" which proverbially sooner or later comes to all—the neglect of which causes the bulk of the poverty of our poorer brethren. Thus they have started a "Sick Club," to which all have readily subscribed. Exposed as they are to the special diseases incident to all employed in out-door labour, they are also peculiarly liable to accidents, as they have often to "dodge" between vehicles to sell their papers. This Sick Club is well managed, because managed by themselves. They appoint two of their number to visit any sick case; and on their report it is decided whether any, and what aid shall be rendered. If it be found to be a case of "shirking"—for boys, like their elders, will shirk sometimes—no quarter is given to the culprit who thus disgraces himself and the brigade.

This experiment to organize the news-boys of London has, we are glad to find, been already so successful as to warrant an extension of the movement. As it is clear that two depôts are not sufficient to meet the wants of London, more are needed to span its length and breadth. But if this be done as the managers desire, some preliminary expense will be entailed. For the money must be obtained to fit up premises and to purchase outfits, if the plan is to be extended to districts yet unoccupied. We shall be glad, then, if this leader induces any of our readers to render pecuniary aid in fitting up the new depôts so urgently required.

But even then another step in advance will be required to render the brigade a permanent success. Many street-boys are so not from choice but from sheer necessity. Homeless and unfriended, they are compelled to sleep, if they do not occupy the casual wards of workhouses, in those low "Lodging-houses for Travellers," whose moral contamination is even worse than the physical. Others have such dissolute or criminal parents that the sooner they are freed from their control the greater is the prospect of their permanent reform. A NEWS-BOYS' HOME is therefore imperative, to complete the machinery of the Newspaper Brigade. Such a lodging-house is carried on in Philadelphia, United States, under the direction of Mr. Starr, and other Christian philanthropists. At present about 300 news-boys participate in the benefit of this lodging-house. Besides providing for the bodily needs of these industrious lads, voluntary teachers attend five evenings weekly to initiate them into the mysteries of the "three R's—reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic." One evening — not the least popular of the series—is devoted to reading aloud some popular book; and when the time allotted for reading is spent, loud is their united cry, "Don't leave off yet, teacher." Bible Classes are also held on Sunday afternoon by volunteers; and by daily family worship the news-boys are led to see that they have a Father in heaven, who is preparing a better home for all who love Jesus. A similar lodging-house for news-boys has been instituted at New York. It is superintended by our excellent friend, Mr. Brace; and the volume of sermons preached to them, which he has just published, shows how well the secularities of news-boy life have been made stepping-stones to spiritualities.

Already the managers of both Homes have been rewarded, not only by the social reclamation of very many outcasts, but by knowing that not a few are safely gathered into the great garner of Jesus.

Nor do we doubt that such would be the result were a Home connected with the London Newspaper Brigade. With truer parents than their own in the Master and Matron; with family worship, conducted, not as a duty, but as a privilege; and with daily pastoral oversight, though without the name—who can doubt that many a destitute lad would be led by the Holy Spirit to see in his earthly home the shadow of the heavenly one? At all events, there is a pressing call for a News-boys' Lodging-house, if the work is to be thoroughly well done. We trust, then, that,

through the means supplied by those who have the stewardship of God's money, we shall speedily be called to visit such a Newsboys' Home, and to record the result in the pages of our Magazine. Nor do we doubt that, like the kindred institutions in Philadelphia and New York, we should speedily have to report that many poor homeless news-boys had not only been saved from the moral contaminations of the low lodging-houses, but had, through the benediction of the Holy Spirit on daily religious teaching and Christ-like living, been led to give their hearts to Jesus.

CHEQUER ALLEY AND ITS NATIVES.

An interesting work, already in its fourth edition, has recently been issued by the Rev. F. W. Briggs, entitled, "Chequer Alley." It is the record of twenty-five years' Christian labour in one of the London "slums," by Miss Macarthy, a true "mother in Israel." Without either money or influence—for like the bulk of Ragged School teachers she has had to work hard for her bread all day—she has done a good and abiding work for God and man. In a sphere ever widening she has, like all true-hearted workers for Jesus, won the confidence of those strange characters who people the dens of London, and who, if they are to be tamed at all, must be tamed by Christian kindness, seeing that the strong arm of the law miserably fails. In hope that the work of Miss Macarthy may be rendered permanent by the erection of a School, Church, this little book has been published. Written in a clear, unaffected style, it is replete with those striking incidents which crop out in the records of every Ragged School. As giving an insight into the manners and customs of the natives of Chequer Alley—where a Ragged School has recently been planted—we have abridged the following graphic sketch:—

"Chequer Alley is the name of an irregular avenue leading from Bunhill Row to Whitecross Street, having multitudinous blind and semi-blind courts branching out from it right and left. Together with its associated parallel alleys and courts, it comprises a population of about 15,000 souls. Shut in from the public eye, Chequer Alley has been for many years the privileged refuge of the outcast and degraded; the haunt of intemperance, dissoluteness, and crime; a sort of lodgment for many of the waifs and strays that float on the great sea, and wander about the broadways of London life. They live together, a whole family in a single room, which serves for sleeping and all other purposes. Their furniture is scanty, their food coarse, precarious, and insufficient; their children growing up around them amidst sights and sounds which tend to deaden all their moral sensibilities, to develop the vilest passions, and to render self-respect an impossibility. Many subsist on the wages of iniquity, and many more by daily and habitual theft. Not many days ago there might have been frequently seen there a tall, well built, and fashionably attired man, wearing gold rings, and flourishing a cane in his hand. This man was a *professional thief-trainer*, and had a lecture-room in

the Alley which he attended periodically to give lectures in the art of pocket-picking. Happily he has just been apprehended and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. The majority gain an honest living, such as it is, as costermongers, whelk-dealers, crossing-sweepers, and the like. The most respectable in rank are scavengers, sweeps, and ratcatchers."

The following incident will show how these miserable people usher in that new year which ought to foreshadow a new life. Some men were drinking until midnight to see the new year in. When turned out by the landlord, they pulled up a fence post and used it as a battering-ram against several doors. At one house a poor man was roused out of sleep by these sons of Belial, who, on descending to learn the cause of the noise, was knocked down by the street door, as it fell inwards from its hinges, half naked and bleeding. He called for the police in vain, for until recently they avoided this foul alley as if it were tainted with plague. Take, too, this specimen of the home training of Chequer Alley, unhappily not a rare case in the by-ways of our great cities. A woman who sold every article of furniture and all her under-linen to buy gin, ascribed her propensity to her own mother. She says that, as early as she could remember, her mother sent her to buy gin. This wretched woman used to force the gin, or more properly diluted vitriol, down her child's throat, and when the child shrank from the liquid fire, she mixed it with sweet cordials to render it palatable, and then compelled the child to drink it to the dregs. Can we then wonder with home teaching like this, it is not rare to hear of children being repeatedly drunk before they are ten years old? One boy, only ten years old, whom we knew in Westminster, drank half a pint of gin given by his wicked father at Christmas, because, he said, "it was hard lines if a man could not get drunk once a year."

Thanks to the labours of Miss Macarthy, the Alley has been rendered somewhat fitter for men with souls to dwell in. Mr. Briggs writes that "it is now well paved and drained, and supplied with pure (?) water. Then it was not only unpaved, the footway being in wet weather a mere pebbly slush, but the eyes and other organs were offended with accumulations of filth and open cesspools, with here and there a polluted little pond in which dirty ducks were wading, and ragged children dabbling. Morally and socially, also, the condition of the people, shockingly low as it still is, is better. The worst the Christian labourer has to apprehend is some strange and original oath or jest. Nor are the attendants at public worship in the little room so often intentionally disturbed. Still it is necessary to keep guard at the door to prevent riotous lads from assembling before the window to gamble, and noisy women to gossip and quarrel. Occasionally, too, a great grinning face, with a short pipe in the mouth, continues to display its comic expression through the top of the window frame, where a pane has been removed for ventilation. Policemen, too, may now be seen in the alley alone, whereas they never ventured there but in company; and costermongers' carts and barrows are left all night in open courts, which never would have been thought of some years since." And all this social and moral reform has sprung from the labours of one feeble woman, who, like the Apostle Paul, has worked hard all day that she might get the means of preaching all night. Happily this history of Miss Macarthy's labours confirms the ancient promise, "Thy work *shall* be rewarded, saith Jehovah."

UNDER THE GALLOWS.

ALL who have been present at an execution, or who have merely met the company retiring after the close of that terrible drama, well know the kind of persons generally present thereat. They are ill-looking people; are apt to use language foul in the extreme; and have predilections not in accordance with the usage of the times. It cannot be said that the general appearance of the crowd of people who came to witness the last illustration of the English law of capital punishment differed materially from those who have been present on former occasions. But, as the writer believes that few of the assembly have ever been individualized, and have only been described *en masse*, with a shrug and a shudder, and a Pharisaical pass-by on the other side, he has taken the opportunity of selecting a few, that his readers may know whom they have living among them.

Hitherto they have had no Linnæus, and are therefore, as a class, men without a name. They are "Roughs," "Arabs," "Pariahs," and outcasts. Thrown on to a moral dustheap, they wither and die, or breed a pestilence, or strike out in rank growth by living on their more miserable fellows. Yet are they not to be passed thus lightly, for many an historical representative attends an execution. Here, for instance, on the right hand of the writer, but with a sinister aspect, is a true descendant of Henry VIII. He has had wives five in number, and is contemplating a sixth, who is flaringly-dressed by his side. He has beheaded none, solely because the custom is out of fashion; but he has as assuredly killed them by ill-usage, both of mind and body. His friends are Borgias—that one with the curious cap, crown upon crown, is Alexander—and they live in St. Giles's, where they retail poisons in small glasses for copper coins

On the left stands Dr. Dee, the astrologer, only consulted by miserable old women and foolish men, who speak "slang" and drink gin. By the side of the first is Apicius the Younger, who expends his great talent for gourmandise on a pennyworth of fried fish and a dirty cake out of an itinerant tray. By the side of the second is one whose mother is carefully educating him in the vices of her house—a degraded habitation. She would have been at the execution, only her husband has beaten her to within an inch of her life.

Observe that Mæcenas of literature near, so modest that he dares not look anybody full in the face, but peers under his beetle brows with a cautious, fearful expression not pleasant to see. Author and publisher combined, he writes letters of introduction to the nobility for unfortunate "sons of genius," or makes songs for nigger melodists.

Of Psychophagi, or devourers of souls, there are shoals all around. These are priestesses of Apollyon, and have either been seduced when too young to know the sin, or are the children of Psychophagi. The Anthropophagi muster in small numbers. Their cannibal appetite scarcely goes beyond noses, ears, and fingers. With them are some Kaffirs, or pagans, who gouge out eyes. They are dirty and smoke-dried. Then there are Kleptomaniacs too numerous to count.

Plutomaniacs there are, but not millionaires. They are related in some mysterious way to the Kleptomaniacs, but are terribly annoyed when the connection is alluded to, and fence in their defence with extraordinary energy. Alchemists, who never heard of Paracelsus, but whose alembic, marked with the Lombard arms, turns everything into gold, or money, and who have discovered the elixir of life, the panacea for pain, both of body and mind, in vitriol-drugged gin. Added to these are other representatives, historical and national, but whom to enumerate would be tedious. There are men who, ages ago, would have been famed for their black mail, who now, alas! are mere blacklegs, and ashamed of their gear.

"The gallows teach no homily." Perhaps not, but the congregation present are a perfect microcosm—a world in miniature, of life present as well as past. One's eye may wander about among them, and one's mind never weary of its reflections, so instructive, if saddening, are the countenances of these heirs of centuries upon centuries of lust, rapine, and murder, with their peris of a lost Paradise, and who now laugh satanically at the tears of the penitent murderer.

Those who really believe that these degraded beings have souls, had better stay away from executions, and be content with the menageries of guilt where there are keepers to show these "representative" men and women. A day, a fearful day, will come, when they may stand shoulder to shoulder with the highest in the land, and when, among the goats, one of their number may say with a bitter sarcasm, like the sweep on the gallows, "I have as much right here as you, brother." Such, then, was the congregation of people waiting before the altar of justice. However, as the hour has not struck, they solace themselves as best they may with gin, and rum, and beer; songs, jests, blasphemies, and legerdemain of the Fagin school.

But the drop-scene falls, and a man is hurried off to a higher tribunal than that of man. As we hurry away from this awful scene, never, we hope, to behold it again, we inwardly thank God that there are Ragged Schools and Ragged Churches to meet the social and spiritual claims of these poor victims of neglect.

J. C. F.

REFORMATORY SCHOOLS, NEW SOUTH WALES.

We have much pleasure in communicating to our readers the following information on the Industrial School Bills of New South Wales, kindly handed to us by Mr. John Vanderkiste, and received by him from his brother, the Rev. R. W. Vanderkiste, of Sydney, whose labours in the slums of Clerkenwell are familiar to many of our readers.

Mr. Vanderkiste says:—"You will be glad to hear that measures have passed into law similar to the one first introduced by Mr. Martin, our present Attorney-General, as far back as 1852, two years earlier, I think, than your first bill of the kind. But the bills which Mr. Martin has now succeeded in passing are not 'in aid bills,' but establish these institutions at the sole charge of the Government of the colony. Mr. Martin, in moving this bill, said that English legislation had not advanced to the point he aimed at, for

he proposed to do more than give aid to private and denominational reformatories; he proposed to establish a national industrial school. More than this, he proposed to give the Government power to take possession of neglected children, growing up in vice and uncared for, and place them in this school. This compulsory seizing of young vagabonds, and giving them an education in a national institution, is the essential principle of the bill. Of course, it is an interference with the liberty of the subject, but one likely to be very beneficial to those interfered with, and a great protection to the rest of society. There are boys and girls who, if left alone, are sure hereafter to fill our gaols. They are being trained in all iniquity. To take forcible possession of them, to take them out of their evil associations, and to put them under the wholesome discipline of a good school, is to give them a chance—the only one they are likely to get. It will not do to stand too much on ceremony, and listen to talk about their rights and their liberty. Their liberty is practically liberty to go to the devil, and is not worth much to them. This bill, which laid down the principle that it was the duty of the State to take possession of children who had been neglected or abandoned, at the same time did not propose to interfere with the benevolent intentions of individuals, and provision was made for the concurrent establishment of private industrial schools. The religious portion of the question was disposed of thus:—When the religion of the child could be clearly ascertained, it would be assigned to the minister of its own denomination, but where it was impossible to discover the religion of the parents, or arrive at the religious persuasion in which the child had been brought up, it was proposed to give the Colonial Secretary the power to assign the child to the religious teaching of any minister whom he might see fit to select. He appealed to the House not to be deterred by any consideration of expense from giving its sanction to this measure; it would be found the truest economy in the end to incur this expense, were it only to save the State the possible future cost of the maintenance of these children as criminals, but on much higher grounds it was the bounden duty of the State, by its interposition thus exercised, to rescue neglected children from a future career of crime. The Industrial Schools Bill deals with *destitute* as well as *criminal* children under the age of sixteen. It authorizes their apprehension, as vagrant, uncared-for, and without visible means of support, and gives power to summons parent or guardian (save the mark!), and impose, and levy for, if necessary, to the extent of ten shillings per week, on such parties, for support of such children. The Juvenile Reformatory Bill gives a lien on person, after expiration of sentence, up to eighteen years of age. The Industrial Schools Bill also gives a lien on children up to eighteen years of age, which is effected by an apprenticeship clause. Well, the bills are passed. Now comes the tug of war again. 'Greek meets Greek' to strive that they be comprehensively and effectively carried out, for other bills exist also, silent and vocationless. We pray and hope to see ours, like the larks, always rising in the sunlight, vocal and workful, with the hum of business and the worm of success in their mouth, stealing the prey from the mighty.

"The Inspector-General of Police estimated in 1852 the number of children coming within the jurisdiction of such bills at three hundred. Mr. Martin now estimates them at nine hundred. You are aware of the difficulty, and

indeed impossibility, of statistical accuracy in calculating destitute and uncared-for children, and indeed those Ishmaelites with whom the other bill deals, so probably Mr. Martin's sad calculation approximates to the fact." It is painful to find that a comparatively new nation has all the vices of the mother country, and that already juvenile crime darkens its future. We can only pray that this measure may prove *preventive* as well as reformatory.

OUR PRIZE EXHIBITORS—ISLINGTON WORKING-CLASS EXHIBITION.

An interesting meeting of the exhibitors of the Ragged School Court was held in the Agricultural Hall on Thursday, Nov. 8. Joseph Payne, Esq., presided. In the course of the evening he addressed the children collectively, and the Prize scholars individually, in his usual inimitable style.

After prayer by the Rev. W. Atherton, the 550 scholars present sung several of their favourite school hymns, accompanied by the large organ. Mr. Gent then addressed the exhibitors of the Ragged School Court to the following effect:—I have much pleasure on the part of the Committee of the Ragged School Union in congratulating you on the success of what I may properly call your Exhibition. Between 700 and 800 scholars have made and exhibited about 1,000 articles. They were made to be seen, and they had been seen by I know not how many thousands; on one occasion at least they were inspected by upwards of 20,000 persons. All were pleased with your work. Some of the articles were sold, and others would have been bought could they have been taken away at once.

The articles sent might be divided into three classes:—1st. Useful articles, but only moderately well made. 2nd. Ornamental articles, but very well made. 3rd. Articles which united good workmanship with invention. Each section was worthy of the praise received, for all gave proof of steady industry.

Now the Committee of the Ragged School Union thought the exhibitors ought to receive some mark of their satisfaction. They, therefore, decided to reward 36 exhibitors with suitable books. These articles had been selected by 8 adjudicators as meriting a Prize. These were divided into 3 classes, the first consisting of 3 boys and 3 girls, who were awarded a book of the value of 7s. 6d.; Cassell's illustrated edition of "The Pilgrim's Progress" being selected for the girls, and their edition of "Robinson Crusoe" for the boys. The second class, which included 6 boys and 6 girls, were awarded a Prize book of the value of 6s. The "Chronicles of the Schonberg-Cotta Family" was given to the girls, and the last edition of Smiles's "Self-Help" was given to the boys. The last class was awarded a book of the value of 4s. 6d, and was given to 9 boys and 9 girls; "England's Daybreak" being given to the boys, and "Nature's School" to the girls. As the Committee, however, wished every exhibitor to have some memento of the Exhibition, they had decided to give a bound volume of "Our Children's Magazine" to every exhibitor. But as in some cases from 10 to 12 children

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"Man in the morning to his work goes forth,
And rests at even:
Christian, remember, labour is for earth—
Repose for heaven.

"Who now sows precious seed, though it may be
Too oft with weeping,
Shall, if he patiently await it, see
A joyous reaping.

"Then scatter freely, nor withhold thy hand
Till close of even:
Earth is the place of toil—the better land
Of rest is heaven."

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TO OUR READERS.

THE year 1866 has been a memorable one. Three features have especially characterized it, all marked, like Ezekiel's scroll, with "lamentations, mournings, and woe." A fierce though brief war has raged on the Continent, probably to be followed before long by a still fiercer one. Banks and companies, holding the highest commercial position, have fallen amid a sudden crash, whereby hundreds of persons have been reduced from affluence to penury. Cholera, too, has raged in many of our great cities, especially in the miles of misery which compose the far east of London. All these painful incidents prove that the prayer taught by our Lord is not yet answered, "Thy kingdom come." For, until that blissful day dawns on a sin-stricken world, the universal law would seem to be, "Overturn, overturn, overturn."

As might be expected from the extent of the financial crisis through which we are passing, most great religious societies have financially suffered. The Ragged School Union has much felt this pressure, as for some time past the outgoings have exceeded the incomings. It would, indeed, have been much more felt had it not been for the wise foresight of the Committee in investing some of their legacies, so as to be able to meet the claims of the local institutions in any emergency. Without such regular aid, many valuable Ragged Schools would have been in great financial difficulties; whilst others must have discontinued their many efforts for the social and religious reclamation of our poorer brethren.

Amid the painful events of last year, it is satisfactory to find that Ragged Schools, as well in the provinces as in London, have been permitted to continue their labours for God and man. Heedless of fever or cholera, our teachers, paid and unpaid, have carried on their work in the dreary by-ways of London and other great cities: and facts, many and potent, have ofttimes caused these earnest workers to echo the dying words of the great evangelist, John Wesley, "The best of all God is for us."

As regards the London Ragged Schools, the operations have increased. Thus in 1865 there were 23,290 Sunday scholars; there are now 25,893. Last year there were 1,054 operations in the affiliated schools; there are now 1,113 such operations. Each operation indicates a distinct agency, fitly worked, for the benefit of the vile districts where Ragged Schools are planted. The teachers, too, increased last year; for with 2,699 labourers in 1865, there were 3,029 in 1866. But a still larger staff is needed to thoroughly work the London Ragged Schools; so that we still need to pray earnestly that our Heavenly Father would "thrust labourers," thoroughly equipped, "into his vineyard."

We have endeavoured to keep our readers abreast with every movement for the social and spiritual welfare of the wild tribes of our great cities. Thus, by God's blessing, many an earnest worker has been cheered in his arduous labours; some schools in financial difficulty have been aided; and friends, not a few, have been won to the cause of the destitute or outcast by what they have read in these pages. In this spirit—not as dictators, but as fellow-soldiers in this great battle with sin and misery—we desire to continue our labours. But we earnestly ask for the co-operation of our readers, not only to recommend this Magazine in all quarters, but in beseeching the God of both Dives and Lazarus to cause our literary labours to become a blessing to those who are now "ready to perish."

THE EDITOR.

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had been engaged in the manufacture of some article, each little maker of some conjoint work would receive a framed illuminated text.

There was another Prize, however, to be mentioned, and that was the special Prize kindly given by the Council of the Exhibition. This consisted of a handsomely bound copy of "Cassell's Bible." It was unanimously awarded to a lad who, when his day's work was over, had made a beautiful model of a loom. As he was seen by the teacher in the act of making it, there was no doubt that he had made it without any assistance.

The Committee of the Union had given these Prizes not only to show their satisfaction with the present effort, but in the hope that thereby Ragged School children would be so stimulated as at the next Industrial Exhibition they would show progress both in the manufacture and in the variety of the articles exhibited.

All the Prize exhibitors were heartily cheered by their schoolfellows as they crossed the platform to receive the books from the hands of the respected Chairman. Several more school hymns were sung. The Rev. J. Wilkinson offered prayer. Mr. J. Payne read his 2,247th tail-piece, and had the usual ovation from the exhibitors; and after receiving some refreshment, this happy meeting terminated with many a wish that there was such an Exhibition every year.

MEAT FOR THE POOR.

WHAT with the thousands writhing under the effects of the recent epidemic—the mysterious cattle plague, and the failure of our harvest, the prospects of the poor during the coming winter are truly alarming. At a time, too, when an increased supply of nourishing food is demanded to make up for the ravages of fever and cholera, meat is almost at famine prices. So that it is no exaggeration to say that numbers of our poorer brethren never now see meat, except on the butcher's stall, or when it smokes on the counter of a cook's shop.

We called the attention of our readers to this painful subject in our volume for 1865 (pp. 25 and 67). But, if such a notice of the wants of the very poor was required last year, when the disease rate was below the average, how much more is it required now that cholera has decimated the population of our great cities, especially in the eastern districts of London? We then introduced the jerked *(charqui)* beef of South America as a nourishing and cheap substitute for the "roast beef of Old England." The importers, however, did not receive the encouragement they deserved; and the importations almost ceased. For the labouring classes did not *take* to it, for some reason—the greatest one probably being that disinclination to change which is a national characteristic of Englishmen, whatever their political notions. We trust, however, that this ultra conservatism will cease; for we may now indulge in a reasonable hope of seeing one of the great wants of the poor in a considerable degree supplied. The facilities for locomotion afforded by the modern application of steam power on sea and on land have largely extended the dominion of man over nature, but there has hitherto been one important

respect in which we have been made to feel the limits still imposed on our powers and our resources. We have as yet been able to obtain our supplies of fresh meat from only a very circumscribed area, and we have been compelled to see our poor in no small measure excluded from the use of this most valuable of all descriptions of food, while we know that in distant regions millions of oxen are left to encumber the earth with their useless remains.

There now appears to be some prospect of our being able to terminate this lamentable waste. Messrs. M'Caull and Sloper have taken out a patent for the preservation of meat, and a number of gentlemen, among whom Mr. E. Paris is the most active agent, have determined on affording the public an opportunity of ascertaining the value of this discovery. It has, indeed, just been tried on a small scale, and the experiment has proved perfectly satisfactory. A party of about one hundred gentlemen partook last September, at the London Tavern, of a luncheon, at which the only meat dishes were various preparations of fresh beef imported from the districts adjoining the River Plate, in South America. This material was made into soup; it was served in the shape of roast beef and beef steaks; it did duty as a stew; it was concealed under the rich coatings of pies and puddings; and in each and every one of these forms it was perfectly fresh, sound, delicate, and sweet. It was meat to which a fastidious epicure need not object, and which any man of healthy appetite would certainly enjoy. The only objection to be made to it was one of a purely accidental origin, and one which can henceforward be speedily removed. It is preserved in air-tight tin vessels, lined inside with wood. This vessel ought to be made of poplar, which is naturally tasteless, but, instead of this tree, pine was erroneously used in the preparation; and the result was that a slight wooden taste was just distinguishable amidst the otherwise perfectly unobjectionable flavour of the different dishes. This fact, however, does not of course in any way affect the general merit of the process to which the meat is subjected, and we are not sure that we should have noticed it if Mr. Paris had not beforehand made the announcement and given an account of its existence. This gentleman further stated that he had some time since produced English beef for a large party at Buenos Ayres, and all his guests, and more especially the English portion of them, expressed their surprise and delight at the receipt of fare so palatable and so unexpected.

It appeared also from the information furnished by Mr. Paris, that the South American fresh beef could be sold wholesale in this country at the rate of 3d. to 3¼d. per lb., and that the supply of it would be practically illimitable, as may be sufficiently inferred from the fact that we import annually from Buenos Ayres upwards of 2,000,000 of hides. The meat, we should add, is not cooked abroad, but arrives in this country in its raw state; and another of its singular qualities is that in this condition it keeps—after it has been opened—much longer than our English joints. Under these circumstances we have no hesitation in pronouncing the discovery of Messrs. M'Caull and Sloper an unexpectedly successful one; and it can be applied readily and cheaply on a large scale. It will, we may hope, tend greatly to reduce the price of meat in England, and thus become to the mass of our population a great and most desirable blessing.

OLD CLOTHES FOR RAGGED SCHOOLS.

THE following appeal for old clothes for Ragged Schools appeared in the "Revival" of October 25th. We can endorse the statement of the writer, for with many claimants our cupboard is empty. But we trust that many of our readers will be led at once to comply with the suggestion, as our need was never so urgent. The Apostle James pointedly says, "If a brother or sister be *naked*, and one of you say unto them, Be ye *warmed*, notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful for the body, what doth it profit?" Will some kind reader, who has no more pressing call, take this apostolic *hint?*

"For many years the Ragged School Union has been accustomed to give donations of old clothes to the connected institutions. Last Christmas, two thousand articles were thus distributed to the most needy children. Many applications have recently been made for similar gifts, but as unhappily scarcely any parcels have been sent this autumn, the officials are unable to respond to their requests.

"When it is stated that there are forty thousand scholars on the books, and above thirty thousand in weekly attendance, at the London Ragged Schools, it will be seen what a wide sphere is embraced by these institutions. Now, considering the penury—not always self-caused—of so many parents, I cannot conceive of any gift being more desirable than that of cast-off raiment. If this were ever the case, it must be especially so at this crisis, when so many adults have been suddenly called to meet the Judge of all flesh, or are so broken down in constitution by sickness and starvation that they are utterly unable to work for their bread. I speak what I know in indicating that, were it not for the parish allowance, hundreds of our poor brethren would die of starvation, especially in the acres of vice and misery which constitute the Far East. It is scarcely needful to say that a proper supply of warm clothing is not merely desirable but imperative, if those who have, through the mercy of God, escaped the fangs of cholera are not to die of cold. But the question remains, How can the destitute classes be expected to buy the needful clothing when they are scarcely able to purchase bread? The unstricken then are called at once to help their stricken brethren, and thus practically show that they recognise the biblical truth, 'If one member suffer, all the members suffer with it,' and thus 'that the members should have the same care one for another.'

"I hope, then, that some of your readers will be induced to forward parcels of old clothes to 1, Exeter Hall, as soon as possible. Then, like the servants of the mother of King Lemuel, our poor clients will 'not be afraid of snow, for all her household are clothed with double garments.'"

Poetry.

NOW OR NEVER.

BY MISS PROCTOR.

Rise! for the day is passing,
And you lie dreaming on:
The others have buckled their armour,
And forth to the fight are gone:
A place in the ranks awaits you,
Each man has some part to play:
The Past and the Future are nothing
In the face of the stern To-day.

Rise from your dreams of the Future—
Of gaining some hard-fought field;
Of storming some airy fortress,
Of bidding some giant yield:
Your Future has deeds of glory,
Of honour (God grant it may!);
But your arm will never be stronger,
Or the need so great as To-day.

Rise! if the Past detains you,
Her sunshine and storms forget:
No chains so unworthy to hold you
As those of a vain regret:
Sad or bright, she is lifeless ever,
Cast her phantom arms away,
Nor look back, save to learn the lesson
Of a nobler strife To-day.

Rise! for the day is passing;
The sound that you scarcely hear
Is the enemy marching to battle—
Arise! for the foe is here!
Stay not to sharpen your weapons,
Or the hour will strike at last,
When, from dreams of a coming battle,
You may wake to find it past!

Correspondence.

DISSOLVING VIEWS IN RAGGED SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the Ragged School Union Magazine.

Dear Sir,—As the Christmas period of treats and happiness comes on, it occurred to me that perhaps it might be useful to you, as the organ of so many Ragged Schools, to have a dissolving view apparatus put at your disposal. I am in possession of a first-rate one and about ninety slides, coloured (painted at Newton's, Temple Bar), on sacred subjects. Should you know of any Superintendents wishing to give any such little treat to their schools I shall be very happy to go and show it anywhere in London free of charge. The more I see of our city Arabs, the more convinced I become that we must use the *eye* in impressing them with the glorious truths of our Lord's Gospel.

Yours truly,
Quintin Hogg.

4, *Carlton Gardens, Oct. 26th.*

[We need scarcely say that whilst we thank Mr. Q. Hogg for his kind offer, we hope that he will be deluged with requests from the managers of Ragged Schools during this winter. For we are sure that nothing so much binds our elder children to their schools as illustrated lectures. Thereby at least we compete with the horrors of those "gaffs" and low concert-rooms which, from the innate corruptions of human nature, must prove attractive to the class among whom we labour unless we are enabled, by God's help, to plant healthier tastes.—Ed.]

LENDING LIBRARIES FOR THE POOR.

To the Editor of the Ragged School Union Magazine.

Dear Sir,—About a fortnight ago my attention was directed to the following advertisement in the *Record* newspaper of October 1st. :—

"Lending Libraries for the Poor.—Clergymen and others, desirous of establishing or enlarging lending libraries for the poor, are requested to send particulars of their requirements, amount of population, &c. (prepaid), to ——, Clarence Hill, Tunbridge Wells."

I immediately made application on behalf of our library at Carr Street, enclosing our last Report, and yesterday morning had the gratification of receiving an order on the "Book Society" for £1 worth of books at subscribers' prices, which will put new life into our library. It is a lady at Tunbridge Wells who has chosen this method of doing good, and, I am informed, is very anxious for those who labour amongst the poor to avail themselves of her offer. I have brought the matter under your notice, as

doubtless there are numbers of Ragged Schools who would be thankful for such a practical present. To write to the Secretaries of them would occupy more time than I can spare: though I feel very anxious that they should participate with us in her generosity. As we find by experience that the books are not only read by the children but by their *parents at home*, who can estimate the amount of good that may result from the circulation of good books?

I remain, &c.,

J. TAIT.

The Children's Gallery.

A TALK WITH THE CHILDREN.

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I WENT the other evening to see the Workmen's Industrial Exhibition, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. "Oh! what a lot of big words for us little people." Well then,—I went to see a place where a great many working people had sent all sorts of clever things which they had made, for other people to see. Twopence to pay at the door, and plenty to see for your money. Oh! what a crowd, and din, and bustle, and glare. There must have been 20,000 people, all come to look at the different things.

"But what was there to see?"

First of all, close to the door, there was a steam-engine organ, making the most tremendous noise, so as to be almost deafening. Fancy an organ of which every note is the loudest possible railway whistle, and fancy yourself close to it, and you would only be too glad to do as I and my friends did—stop your ears with your fingers as tight as you possibly could. We had plenty for our twopence already, and had hardly entered the room!

It would be impossible for me to describe half the things there were to be seen, but I will speak of a few, and if my account interest you, I hope you will be able to persuade your father or mother to take you to see them. If you go in the afternoon or morning you will be charged sixpence, but you will see everything much better, because there will be fewer people.

What struck me most was, that with a few exceptions all the things had been made by working men in their *leisure hours*, when the hard day's work was over (and some of you little ones know how hard your fathers work): they did not waste their evenings in doing nothing, or in going off to the public-house, but spent their time profitably, in making some article which should be of use or ornament, and here was the result. I said that the things exhibited were mostly for use or ornament. I will speak of the useful ones first.

Here is an organ which has a label on the back, saying that it has been made in the leisure hours of a mechanic during the last three years. How he must have enjoyed the day when his organ was finished, and he could sit down and play on it

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,"

who had allowed him to finish his long work. Next stands a piano, with a similar inscription. Then we notice things for ordinary use in every-day life. We stand and watch bread trenchers being carved and finished as fast as a man can turn them with his turning lathe.

Then come sewing-machines of every shape, form, and size. We did not know there were so many different kinds, and here they are all in a row, that you may pick and choose the best. One man has covered the walls, and even the steps of the staircases with descriptions of his, which he declares is the "very best possible." Another, in order to show how easily his machines can be worked, has set a blind girl to work at one, and a child only ten years old to work at another. I am very fond of working my own machine myself, so I watch the different kinds with great interest. Indeed I sometimes laughingly tell my wife that I make as many of the children's clothes as she does, for often in my leisure evenings she sits by my side and prepares the work, while I with the machine sew it, and so we soon get through a good deal. I am not going to say which machine I think the best, only if your mother gets one, tell her to get a simple one, and one like what her neighbour has got. Some relatives of mine, who live in a quiet country village, got one nearly two years ago; but the only other one in the place was of a different sort, and they have never been able to manage theirs yet; and so it lies to this day all unused and wasted. So much for sewing-machines.

A little further on brought us to all kinds of useful inventions for doing good,—I mean for saving life. One man shows a famous plan for making a communication between the driver, guard, and passengers of a railway train, and so preventing some of those dreadful accidents that are so common. He has made it in the shape of a model; and at certain hours he sends off his miniature train, and shows his plan. Another exhibits a model of a new plan for signals on a railway.

Another, and one of the most simple, which I hope may soon come into use, is a plan for crossing streets where two roads cut one another. It consists of light iron bridges from corner to corner, over which persons on foot may walk in safety; and in the middle of the two roads is a post, with danger signals, to be worked by a single policeman, like a signal-man on a railway. It is very pleasant to see working men thus try and devise plans for saving life;—perhaps the reason why so many of them exhibit things of this kind, is, that they know so well what a great number of accidents might be avoided by the use of some such plans as these.

And then we came to something which many of the children who read this have exhibited.

"What could it be!"

"I am sure I did not exhibit anything."

"Don't be too sure. Will you try and guess what it was?"

"I give it up."

Well then, I must tell you. It was a Life-boat, presented to the noble Society which provides life-boats for the coasts of England by the Sunday-school children of England.

"Now, did you exhibit anything?"

It is a splendid boat, provided with everything that can be devised for helping to save life; built on the best model, and, I hope, to be the means of saving many lives. The other night 25,000 Sunday-school children assembled, and publicly gave the boat to the Society. Now you, dear children, who gave your halfpenny or your penny towards this boat, remember this:—when the storms of November and December set in, and you hear the wind howling in the night as you lie awake in your little beds, or you see the storm in the air on some wintry day, think that perhaps *your* life-boat (for it belongs to each little boy or girl who gave a farthing, as much as to all)—think that your life-boat is out, perhaps, battling with the wind and waves, and helping, by God's mercy, to save some poor drowning sailors; and as you turn round in your bed to go to sleep, soothed by your mother's kiss, don't forget to pray one prayer for those at sea, that they may be brought safely to the "haven where they would be."

Another thing which pleased me very much, was the exhibition of useful ar-

ticles made by boys and girls from various Industrial Homes. Poor children! Picked off from the streets, and rescued from a life of misery (if not crime), it is pleasant to think of their being taught an honest livelihood, as well as being taught the way to heaven.

There were mats from the St. Pancras Industrial Home; laundry-work from a Girls' Refuge; firewood from this, and brushes from that Institution; while from various other Schools there were specimens of drawing, done in leisure hours, some of which would not disgrace even pupils at the Royal Academy!

And this brings me to the ornamental part of the Exhibition. Numberless boxes of ferns of every variety. Handsome cases for collecting and storing stones, minerals, birds'-eggs, &c. Beautiful carvings of churches, houses, villages, some of them with lights inside, to show off the interior. And there were one or two most ingenious models, which would delight children, and did delight many little ones whom I saw watching with intense pleasure. An ingenious workman had fitted up a large case with water-mills, rivers, canals, railroads, all working at once. Here a train runs in and out of a tunnel, there a boat was rocking on the sea; along this road a coach was being driven, while fountains were playing, waterfalls falling, streamlets running along, all worked by a little water and a few springs! I had a talk with the man who made it. He told me it had cost him years of toil after his day's work, and though he asked £50 for it, even that sum would not repay him for his time and labour.

And as we came away the thought came into my head which I now tell to you. How very nice it would be if, during this next winter, our little boys and girls, instead of reading story books all the evening, would try and EITHER DO OR MAKE SOMETHING USEFUL. Try and paint a text in large letters to go round the side of the nursery, or knit a comforter for widow Jones, or make some spills for the mantel-piece, or a frock for old nurse's baby; in fact there are a hundred things which might be done by those who have the will. But above all, dear children, try all your lives to do (if you cannot make) something that will last, some act of kindness and love to others; for remember that there is a great Exhibition-day coming, when all the works of every one, old or young, must be shown,—and what will you have to show *then*. At that Exhibition the reward will be not a medal of silver or of gold, which will soon tarnish or be lost, but a crown of glory which fadeth not away.

The Editor's Portfolio.

OUR FIELD OF LABOUR.

THE last instruction which Miss Mary L—— ever gave to her scholars at Mount H—— contained this characteristic sentence: "There is nothing in the universe that I fear but that I should not know all my duty, or should fear to do it." To her pupils she was wont to say, "When you choose your field of labour, go where no one else is willing to go." It was in this consecrated spirit that Payson often said that "The man that wants to see me on spritual matters is the man I want to see."

Who, then, can wonder that those willing to go wherever the Holy Spirit sends, or to speak on soul-matters to whosoever God sends, had their pathway to heaven paved with living stones? Go,

then, wherever the Lord calls thee, and neither object nor even ask the reason why. For the Lord knows well why he sends thee.

VALUE OF ONE SOUL.

THE craving after great results, signs, and wonders, and a contempt for feeble beginnings, with a corresponding disappointment at moderate success, is a terrible snare of this present age of religious activity. It is well rebuked by the following anecdote, which is told of a venerable minister of Christ:—

When some one asked Mr. S——, "Why do you continue to preach when you have converted but one sinner in twenty years?" "Have I converted one?" said he. "Yes," replied the other. "Then," said the good man, "here's for twenty years more; for perhaps God will make me the means of converting two before I die."

Surely that was the right spirit in which to work. If the conversion of *one* soul fills all heaven with joy, it may well occupy a teacher's lifetime. Such a price, for such a result, is a cheap expenditure. For "he who converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death" eternal.

UNKNOWN FRUITAGE REVEALED.

IT is a maxim, we believe, among those who have given much attention to the subject, that the benefit of the public means of grace is, for the most part, immediate; that, for example, nine-tenths of the good which a sermon accomplishes is done within twenty-four hours after its delivery. Yet, admitting this to be true, the other tenth is not to be despised. While all Christian teachers should look and pray for direct results of their toil, yet let them take encouragement from what may result in after years. See, for instance, a remarkable case in China, mentioned lately by a missionary. A poor woman, quite advanced in years, heard Mr. Burns preach in 1853, in a market town, called Be-pé, and was converted without the missionary's knowledge. From that day she continued a decided disciple of Christ, in a town where she was the solitary Christian, notwithstanding all threats and persuasions. Her case did not become known to the missionaries until the present year. Mr. Burns had thought his labours in Be-pé entirely without fruit.

Another missionary, in Burmah, related last year how he was called upon by a man who showed the worn and soiled copy of one of Dr. Judson's tracts, which he had received *twenty years before*, and which was the means of showing him the folly of idolatry; so that, as well as he knew how, he was worshipping the only living and true God. Herein is that saying true, "One soweth and another reapeth." The Master sends some to reap that whereon they had bestowed no labour. Other men labour, and they enter into the labours of their predecessors. This appears to be the Divine plan, in which we should cheerfully acquiesce.

For wise purposes God withholds from the sight of his servants much of the good they are permitted to do. Let them, in seasons of discouragement, allow a wide margin for possible good wrought by their instrumentality, and go on sowing the seed which other hands are to harvest; so that "he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

Notices of Meetings.

DRUID STREET.

ON November 5, a public meeting was held to celebrate the re-opening of these schools in the railway-arch, Druid Street, Neckinger Road. By the report it appeared that the school has been estab-

lished now for eighteen years, the average daily attendance being 245; about 70 persons devoting their energies to the support and actual work of the schools. Sunday Classes, Bible and Industrial Classes, a Children's Library, and a Penny Bank are amongst the agencies for good connected with the operations carried on. It also showed that the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway had paid the sum of £50 compensation to the school, for deprivation of light and inconvenience; £98 1s. 6d. had been received in donations; and £30 received from the Ragged School Union. They were in debt £54 11s. 8d. The arch was let by the company at the nominal rent of 5s. a-year.

Alderman Lusk, M.P., who presided, said that he saw they were earnest in the work they had carried on for eighteen years, and getting more vigorous than ever. He liked and believed in the work of Ragged School teaching. It was a great means to a great end. Every one had his own panacea for the ills that flesh is heir to. Temperance, short hours of labour, and friendly societies, were advocated by some, but he believed that education was the chief and most effectual means to improve mankind; whilst they did the others, they must not leave this undone. To have a clear stream they must have a clear fount. There was much misery, poverty, and sin to be removed. England had more institutions for charitable purposes, and more charitable people than any other country; but she had a dark side as well as a light side. There were 120,000 persons who belonged to the criminal population, 35 per cent. of that number could neither read nor write; 60 per cent. could do so, but indifferently; 3 per cent. only could read and write well. These were the dismal effects of ignorance on the population. But what could be expected? Could they gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? What could be expected from uncared-for children but crime, wickedness, sin, and sorrow? Our duty was evident. There was a good field, which only wanted cultivation to yield fruit in place of weeds and thistles.

The meeting was addressed by Rev. C. Lees, Judge Payne, Mr. Gent, &c.

CARR STREET.

At their quarterly meeting, held Oct. 3rd, the teachers of the above school presented Thomas Scrutton, jun., Esq., with a handsome marble dining-room clock, in token of their high esteem of that gentleman, and appreciation of his uniform kindness to and co-operation with them at all times in promoting the welfare and usefulness of this school. The clock bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Teachers of Carr Street Ragged School to Thomas Scrutton, Jun., Esq., in token of their high esteem. October 3rd, 1866."

A commencement of penny readings was made on Friday, October 26th. The drum and fife band of the Union Jack Brigade played four or five pieces. There were six or seven readings, two recitations, and four pieces sung by about fifteen or sixteen children of the day school, who concluded by singing the national anthem. The room was crowded, and many could not get in. The takings for this first night were 14s. 10d., and between 180 and 200 were present, among whom was a good sprinkling of the adults of the neighbourhood. The reading concluded about 9.50, and all felt very much cheered and encouraged with our success.

Before this meeting began 400 plants were distributed to the children and people of the neighbourhood. These were received on application to the superintendent of Victoria Park, through an advertisement issued by the Commissioners of Woods and Forests.

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